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THE HOLY PROPHET (SA)

محمد
صلى الله عليه وسلم

AND WE HAVE SENT THEE NOT BUT AS A MERCY FOR ALL PEOPLES

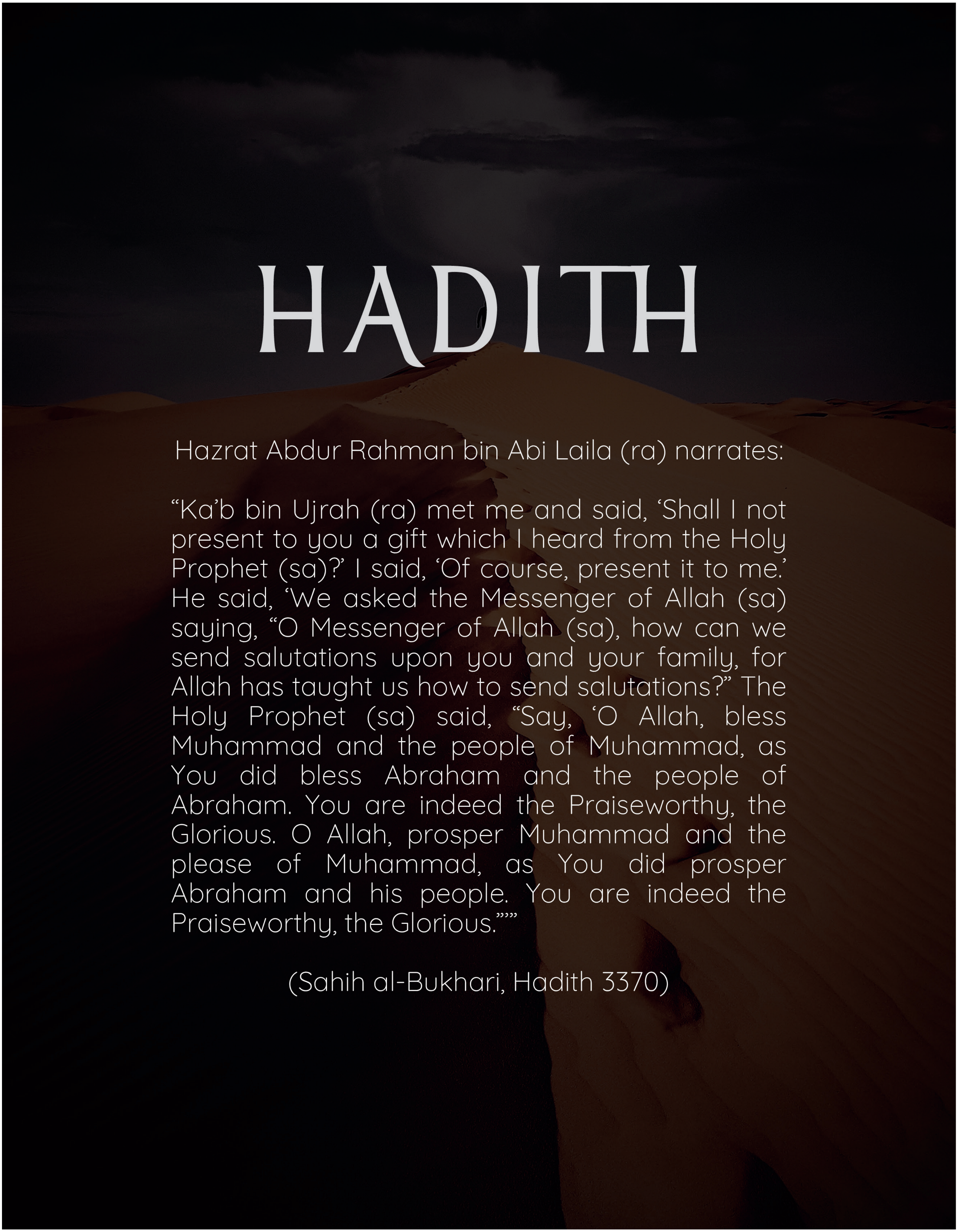
(THE HOLY QUR'AN, 21:108)

QURAN

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِيْ رَسُوْلِ اللّٰهِ اُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَنْ
كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللّٰهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْاٰخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللّٰهَ كَثِيْرًا

VERILY YOU HAVE IN THE PROPHET OF ALLAH
AN EXCELLENT MODEL, FOR HIM WHO FEARS
ALLAH AND THE LAST DAY AND WHO
REMEMBERS ALLAH MUCH.

(THE HOLY QUR’AN, 33:22)



HADITH

Hazrat Abdur Rahman bin Abi Laila (ra) narrates:

“Ka’b bin Ujrah (ra) met me and said, ‘Shall I not present to you a gift which I heard from the Holy Prophet (sa)?’ I said, ‘Of course, present it to me.’ He said, ‘We asked the Messenger of Allah (sa) saying, “O Messenger of Allah (sa), how can we send salutations upon you and your family, for Allah has taught us how to send salutations?” The Holy Prophet (sa) said, “Say, ‘O Allah, bless Muhammad and the people of Muhammad, as You did bless Abraham and the people of Abraham. You are indeed the Praiseworthy, the Glorious. O Allah, prosper Muhammad and the please of Muhammad, as You did prosper Abraham and his people. You are indeed the Praiseworthy, the Glorious.’”’”

(Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith 3370)

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WRITINGS OF

THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)

That light of high degree that was bestowed on perfect man was not in angels, was not in stars, was not in the moon, was not in the sun, was not in the oceans and the rivers, was not in rubies, emeralds, sapphires, or pearls; in short, it was not in any earthly or heavenly object. It was only in perfect man whose highest and loftiest and most perfect example was our lord and master, the Chief of the Prophets, the Chief of all living ones, Muhammad, the chosen one [peace and blessings of Allah be on him]. That light was bestowed on this man and, according to their ranks, upon all those who bore the same colour to some degree.... This dignity was found in its highest and most perfect form in our lord and master and our guide, the immaculate Prophet, the righteous one, testified to by the righteous, Muhammad, the chosen one [peace and blessings of Allah be on him].”

(A’ina Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza’in, Vol. 5, pp. 160-162)

“Thus, I always wonder what a sublime Prophet this Arabian Prophet is, whose name is Muhammad (thousands upon thousands of blessings and peace be upon him). One cannot fathom the limit of his sublime status and it is not given to man to estimate the extent of his spiritual effectiveness. It is a pity that his rank has not been recognized as it should have been. He is the champion who restored to the world the Tauhid which had disappeared from the world; he loved God to the extreme and his soul melted to the extreme out of sympathy for mankind.

Therefore, God, who knew the secret of his heart, exalted him above all the Prophets and all the first ones and the last ones and bestowed upon him all that he desired within his lifetime. It is he who is the fountainhead of every grace, and anyone who claims any superiority without acknowledging his grace is not a human being but is the spawn of Satan, because he (the Holy Prophet (sa)) has been bestowed the key to every exaltation and he has been given the treasure house of every understanding.

He who does not receive through him is deprived forever. I am nothing and possess nothing. What am I and what do I amount to? I would be ungrateful if I were not to confess that I have found true Tauhid through this very Prophet. I have attained the recognition of the Living God through this same perfect Prophet and through his light.

The honour of converse and communion with God, through which I behold His countenance, has been bestowed upon me through the same Great Prophet. The rays from this Sun of Guidance fall upon me like sunshine and I continue to be illumined only so long as I am facing towards it."

(HAQIQATUL WAHI - THE PHILOSOPHY OF DIVINE REVELATION, PP. 137-138)

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> “I WILL RAISE UP FOR THEM A
> PROPHET
> LIKE YOU FROM AMONG THEIR
> BRETHREN
> AND WILL PUT MY WORDS IN HIS MOUTH,
> AND HE SHALL SPEAK TO THEM ALL
> THAT I COMMAND HIM”

(OLD TESTAMENT, DEUTERONOMY 18:18)

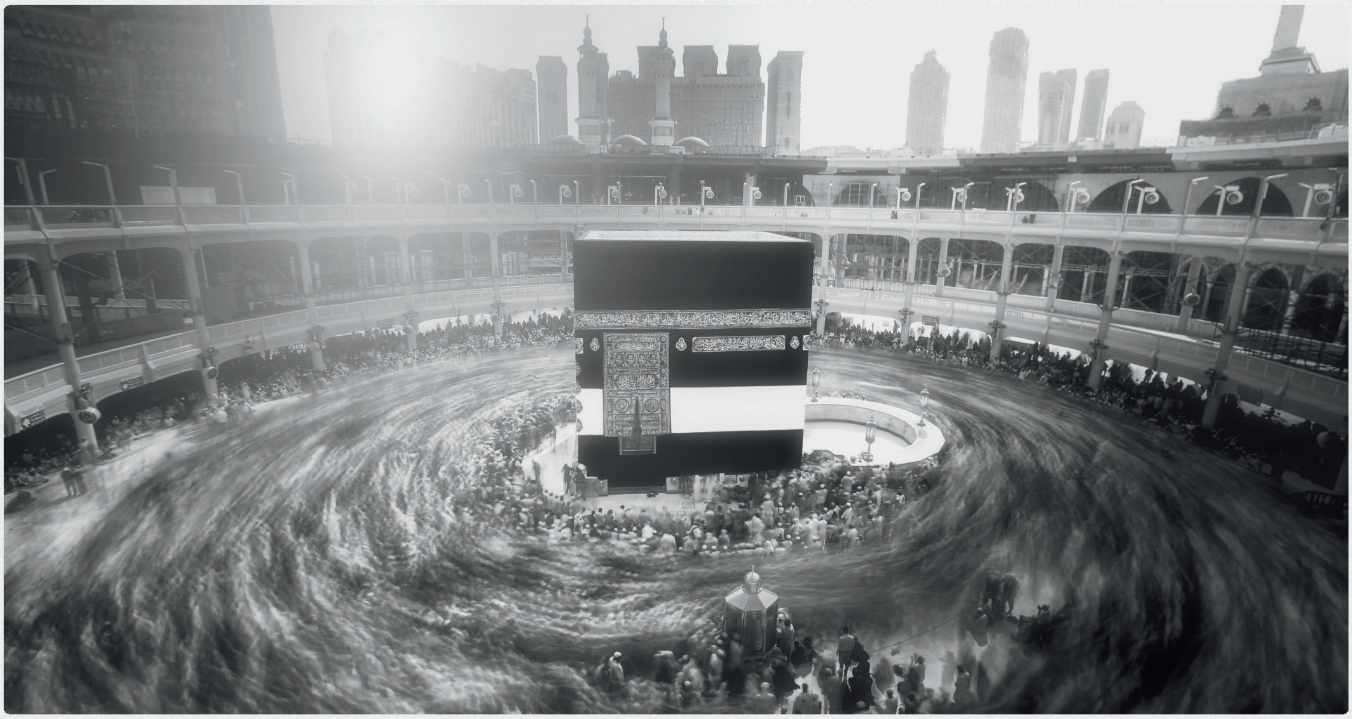
GUIDANCE FROM

HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V(AA)

"Allah the Exalted, as we know, manifests Himself upon us through His attributes. He also says to His servants that they should color themselves in His colors and reflect His attributes. Only then will they be deserving of being called His real servants. There is no doubt, that the most perfect example of this commandment of Allah is not to be seen anywhere except in the person of the Holy Prophet (sa). He is that beloved of Allah from whose light many were blessed in the past, many are being blessed today, and many more will be blessed till the end of time, God Willing.

The Promised Messiah(as) has described the blessed personage of the Holy Prophet (sa) in these words, "That man who in his person, his attributes, his words, his deeds, his spirituality, and his holy faculties set an example of perfection in knowledge, action, sincerity, and steadfastness and was called the perfect man. That man who was the most perfect man, who was the most perfect prophet, who came with perfect blessings, who through spiritual revival and resurrection caused the first day of judgment in this world, and the world that was dead found a new life through his coming.

What was that day of judgment? It was the day when the dead ere given a new life. That blessed prophet was the Seal of the Prophets, the leader of the pure, the last of the messengers, the pride of the prophets Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa, may Allah shower His blessings upon him. O` our Lord shower such blessings upon this beloved prophet of ours as you have not sent on any since the beginning of time. May Allah shower peace and blessings upon him, his progeny, and all his companions."



So, this is our Holy Prophet (sa) who, due to the love of Allah, truly manifested Allah's attributes in himself. At another place the Promised Messiah(as) says, "He loved God to the extreme and he was extremely compassionate towards fellow human beings." It was due to his intense love for Allah that he loved God's creatures. He could not bear to see them in pain. God treats His servants under the divine attributes of Grace and Mercy.

How can it be that the person whose sole purpose, whose every action and inaction was to win the pleasure of Allah, would not treat God's creatures in the same manner as God would. His compassion, mercy, and love for God's creatures were so intense that Allah has recorded them in the Holy Quran in the verse that I have recited at the beginning. The translation of this verse is:

"Surely, a Messenger has come unto you from among yourselves; grievous to him is it that you should fall into trouble; he is ardently desirous of your welfare; and to the believers he is specially compassionate and merciful." (9:128)

So, this is the example of our beloved Prophet(sa) and his feelings for the betterment of humanity. That beloved Messenger(sa) feels intense pain to see you suffer, or the punishment you will bear as a result of disobedience of God's commandments.

This verse reflects his feelings for both the believers and non-believers. We see from his life that he and his companions had to bear extremes of pain and suffering at the hands of his enemies. Women's legs would be tied to two camels that would be made to run in opposite directions thereby tearing apart their bodies.

He himself was tortured. He, along with his followers, was isolated in a desolate valley for two and a half years. Even then, he wished well for them. He used to pray that Allah may guide them to the right path so that they may be saved from the wrath of Allah. When he fought, it was only to defend himself. The thought of revenge never ever even crossed his mind. He was so restless to save them that he was ready to lay down his own life."

(Friday Sermon February 23, 2007)

"If there is a ray of hope and a guarantee of peace, it is in the one and only person who was sent with the teaching of peace and harmony to the world. He is the person who is the King of Peace and he is more beloved to Allah the Almighty than all others. He is the one who brought the final and complete law, whose teachings are filled with love and kindness. Due to his strong relationship with God Almighty, his deep concern to spread the teaching that was revealed to him, to save the world from its destruction and his angst for the state of mankind, he had put his own life in extreme pain and hardship. He had become burdened and pained out of his own concern for people and he yearned and cried so much in his prayers for the world that Allah the Almighty said to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa): **"Haply thou wilt grieve thyself to death because they believe not." (26:4)**

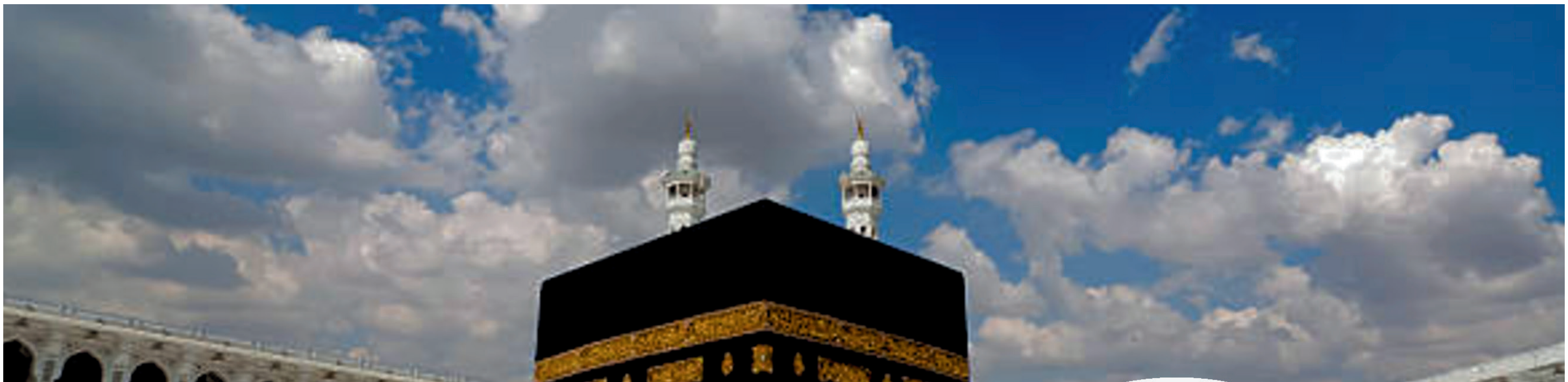
Such was the love he had for humanity that they may turn to their Creator and save themselves, both in this life and in the hereafter. He imparted such a comprehensive teaching which no other teaching can compare to. He presented such a guarantee for peace which in reality is the guarantee from Allah the Almighty, yet, regrettably, even the Muslims have forgotten this teaching. They simply make verbal proclamations of faith and have in fact become thirsty for each other's blood and seek help from other non-Muslims for this cause. Those who recite the kalimah [Islamic creed] are killing one another with the support of the enemies of religion. What greater misfortune can befall the Muslims?

Despite claiming to follow such beautiful teachings and such a compassionate Messenger (sa), they are incurring the displeasure of Allah the Almighty. Instead of spreading peace and harmony in the world, they are becoming more and more infamous for spreading unrest. This is due to the fact that they are not even willing to listen to the words of the true servant of the King of Peace and most beloved of Allah the Almighty, who was sent to the world in this era to spread the teachings of peace and harmony.

It is not merely the case that they refuse to listen to him, they have gone to the extent of deeming the issuing of edicts of disbelief against [the Promised Messiah (as)] and his followers and to kill them as a service to Islam and a standard for expressing their love for the Holy Prophet (sa), the Chosen One and the Seal of the Prophets. To play with the lives of Ahmadis is worthy of reward in their view. Hence, how can such people spread Islam's teachings of peace to the world? If only these people would come to their senses.

If only their clerics would become scholars who spread wisdom and knowledge rather than becoming scholars of evil, so that they could become a united people who spread the teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) in the world, and join with the True Servant of the Holy Prophet (sa) in order to spread the true teachings of peace and harmony to the world."

(CONCLUDING ADDRESS AT JALSA SALANA GERMANY 2022)



MESSAGE FROM
SADR MAJLIS

“ALLAH AND HIS ANGELS SEND BLESSINGS ON THE PROPHET. O YE WHO BELIEVE! YOU ALSO SHOULD INVOKE BLESSINGS ON HIM AND SALUTE HIM WITH THE SALUTATION OF PEACE.”

(THE HOLY QUR’AN, 33:57)

Allah the Almighty has repeatedly given commands in the Holy Qur'an that provide guidance for us. For instance, Allah says, ‘O you who believe, these are the deeds you must perform, these are the duties you must fulfill, these are the commandments you must follow, and this is how you should lead your life.’ In various places, Allah declares these responsibilities upon us. But sending salutations (Durood) upon the Holy Prophet (sa) is such a deed where Allah says, ‘I and My angels also send salutations upon the Prophet, so O you who believe, you should do the same.’ Look at how blessed and beloved is the person upon whom even Allah and His angels send blessings.

This is the most beloved of Allah. How special is this commandment that on one side, Allah Himself says, ‘I and My angels send salutations upon this great Prophet,’ and on the other side, He commands us to do the same. Alhamdulillah (All praise belongs to Allah). Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Canada has the honor of publishing this edition on the Sirat and blessings of the Holy Prophet (sa). This honor is not achieved by mere effort. It is purely the grace of Allah that He is giving us this opportunity to present certain aspects of the life of our beloved Prophet, Hazrat Muhammad (sa), the Chosen One, to our Khuddam and to benefit from his Sirat and blessings. Dear Khuddam brothers! It is our duty to include the study of the Holy Prophet's (sa) Sirat in our lives and make it part of our daily routine. We should read a portion of the Ahadith and Sirat of the Holy Prophet (sa) daily so that we can progress in our love for him and adopt his pure example in our daily lives.

If we desire a true relationship with Allah, if we want the love of Allah to become deeply rooted in our hearts, it is essential that we develop love for the Holy Prophet (sa) in our hearts. That is why Allah the Almighty addressed the Holy Prophet (sa) in the Qur'an with this commandment:

> “Say, if you love Allah, follow me; Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful.”
>
> (The Holy Qur’an, 3:32)

Thus, if the love of Allah is a precious jewel for us, the way to attain it has been made through the person of the Holy Prophet (sa). The Holy Prophet (sa) is associated with such special blessings that no matter what era or place a person belongs to, if they adopt the pure life of the Holy Prophet (sa) as their guiding principle, they will develop a special relationship with Allah.

Look at the Promised Messiah (as), whom we are blessed to believe in. What a beloved person he was, and how Allah elevated him to the station of prophethood. Yet, he also said that this status was granted to him solely because he was absorbed in love for the Holy Prophet (sa), and due to that love, his deeds were accepted by Allah. Such was the level of love that the Promised Messiah (as) had for the Holy Prophet (sa).

If we study his life, we find principles that teach us to immerse ourselves in the love of the Holy Prophet (sa). The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) expressed this love in the following words: "I am ready to offer my heart and soul For the beauty of Muhammad (sa); My body is merely the dust of the lane treaded by the progeny of Muhammad (sa).

Such was the immense love the Promised Messiah (as) had for the Holy Prophet (sa) that his entire being was devoted and annihilated in the love of the Prophet (sa). This is the way to love, that everything is sacrificed for him. Furthermore, there is that touching incident which serves as a guide for us, when the Promised Messiah (as) was shedding tears, walking and reciting the couplets of Hazrat Hassan bin Thabit (ra): "You were the pupil of my eye, and now my eyes are blind. Whoever wishes, let them die after you, for it was you I feared would pass."

The Promised Messiah (as) was reciting these couplets, repeatedly saying that he wished these verses had been spoken by him, that he had written them. Even though what the Promised Messiah (as) expressed in his love for the Holy Prophet (sa) is unparalleled, whenever anyone else praised this beloved, his heart was so moved that he wished this praise had come from him, that he could have rendered this service.

Due to being absorbed in the love of the Holy Prophet (sa) and in obedience to Allah’s command, when he claimed to be the Messiah and a prophet, people issued fatwas (religious verdicts) of disbelief against him, and a storm of opposition erupted. The Promised Messiah (as) explained to people that this prophethood was granted to him solely because of his perfect obedience and servitude to the Holy Prophet (sa), and there was no personal desire in it. However, people still did not understand and subjected him to insults and curses. Despite all this, the love for the Holy Prophet (sa) remained paramount for him, and he faced these hardships with great patience and fortitude, always keeping the example of his master, the Holy Prophet (sa), before him.

He said that he was willing to accept all the fatwas of disbelief, for he was doing all of this for his beloved Prophet (sa). His disbelief was that he was completely absorbed in the love of his Prophet (sa), as if he had no existence of his own, and only the existence of the Holy Prophet (sa) remained. So, the Promised Messiah (as) showed us this way of love and demonstrated how, through this love, a strong relationship with Allah can be developed. It is essential for us to study the blessed life of the Holy Prophet (sa), to take every step in its light, to advance in our love for him, and to shape our lives according to that ideal so that we can achieve the purpose for which Allah sent the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa).

When the pure life of the Holy Prophet (sa) is before us, it is impossible not to be captivated by his love. Through the study of Sirat, such emotions will be aroused in your hearts, but this is only possible through knowledge of his life. Therefore, study is essential. In this regard, all Khuddam brothers should benefit from this edition, which contains various articles about the Holy Prophet (sa). There are many books of Sirat and Ahadith available for us. If we all study them together, we can reform ourselves, and as Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) said, we can become "small Muhammads" in our lives. Remember, to advance in the love for the Holy Prophet (sa), to grow in the love of Allah, and to make -

- our prayers reach acceptance, sending *Durood* upon the Holy Prophet (sa) is essential. Without it, we cannot succeed. Make *Durood* a part of your daily lives.

May Allah grant us the ability to experience the joy of the love that the Promised Messiah (as) attained. May Allah enable all of us to truly love our master, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa). May we not merely make claims, but express our love for the Holy Prophet (sa) through our actions. May the fragrance of the Holy Prophet (sa) be present in each of our lives, so that we may spread the beautiful teachings of Islam and the pure and perfect example of the Holy Prophet (sa) to every corner of the world. Ameen. May Allah grant all of us this ability.

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محمد
صلى الله عليه وسلم

IF YOU LOVE ALLAH

FOLLOW ME; THEN WILL ALLAH LOVE YOU

WRITTEN BY: MURABBI SHARUKH ABID

IF YOU LOVE ALLAH, FOLLOW ME; THEN WILL ALLAH LOVE YOU

Throughout history, many great leaders and guides have emerged, but none compare to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa), the most exemplary leader, moral guide, and role model. Allah the Almighty sent the Holy Prophet (sa) as the perfect guide for all of humanity, embodying the highest standards of morality and conduct. The Holy Qur'an beautifully describes him:

اِنَّکَ لَعَلٰی خُلُقٍ عَظِیْمٍ

"And thou dost surely possess high moral excellences." (Al-Qalam:5)

In addition to blessing us with the greatest moral guide in the history of mankind, Allah Almighty has also given us another profound commandment in the Holy Qur'an:

قُلْ اِنْ کُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّوْنَ اللّٰہَ فَاتَّبِعُوْنِیْ یُحْبِبْکُمُ اللّٰہُ وَیَغْفِرْ لَکُمْ ذُنُوْبَکُمْ وَاللّٰہُ غَفُوْرٌ رَّحِیْمٌ

"Say, 'If you love Allah, follow me: then will Allah love you and forgive you your faults. And Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful.'" (Aal-e-`Imran: 32) Though it may seem challenging to live up to the high standard of his character and adopt his habits, there are some simple steps we can take to start moving in the right direction.

The Prophet Muhammad (sa) made it a habit to greet everyone with a smile. This simple gesture has the power to uplift spirits and ease life's sorrows and tensions. He beautifully said,

تَبَسُّمُكَ فِي وَجُهِ أَخِيكَ لَكَ صَدَقَةٌ

"Your smiling in the face of your brother is charity", (Jami` at-Tirmidhi)

Another admirable habit of the Holy Prophet (sa) was his practice of sleeping early. The Prophet (sa) would prepare his bed, perform ablution, and always sleep on his right side, a practice he also encouraged his companions to follow. He stated:

إِذَا أَتَيُتَ مَضُجَعَكَ فَتَوَضَّأُ وَضُوءَكَ لِلصَّلَاةِ، ثُمَّ
اضُطَجِعُ عَلَى شِقِّكَ الُأَيُمَنِ

"When you go to bed, you should perform the ablution for the prayer, and then lay down on your right side." [Bukhari] This practice not only brings us blessings but also benefits our overall health. Eating together in a sitting is also a cherished habit of the Holy Prophet (sa). He has been reported to have said:

كُلُوا جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا فَإِنَّ الُبَرَكَةَ مَعَ الُجَمَاعَةِ

“Eat together and not separately, for the blessing is associated with the company.” (Ibn Majah) We can adopt this habit by having meals together as a family, which would also help bring us together. The Holy Prophet (sa) was also very regular in brushing his teeth. He also liked for his companions that they brush their teeth regularly. He states:

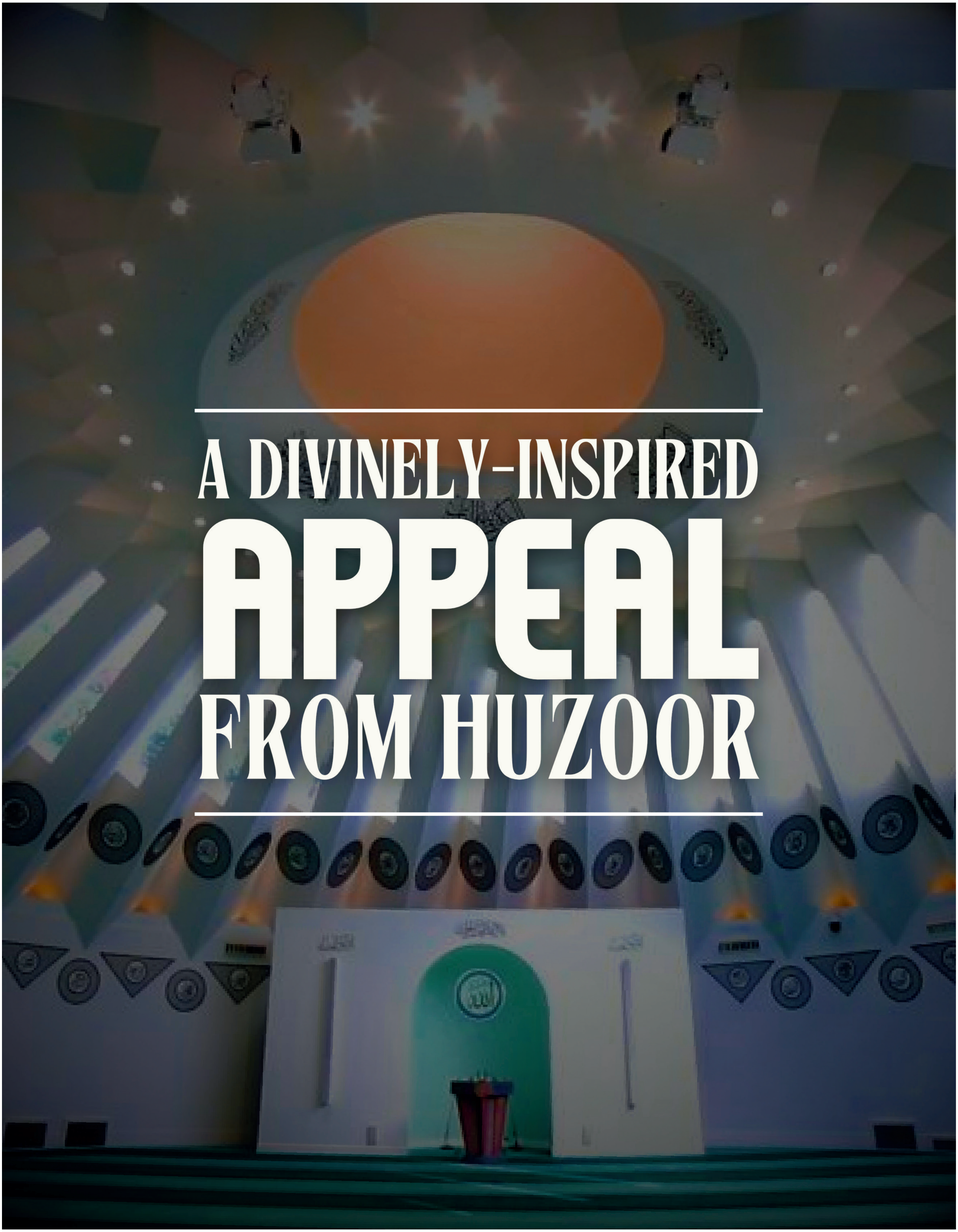
لولا أن أشق على أمتي أو على الناس لأمرتهم بالسواك مع كل صلاة

“Had I not thought it difficult for my Ummah, I would have commanded them to use the Miswak (tooth-stick) before every Salah” [al-Bukhari and Muslim]. This habit again is not only granting us blessing by following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (sa) but also is necessary for our health. We should try our best to brush our teeth and take care of our personal hygiene regularly. Another easy to adapt habit of the Holy Prophet (sa) is greeting. It is reported that the Holy Prophet (sa) used to greet every person by saying, “Assalamu Alaikum”, which means peace is upon you. He states:

أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ

SPREAD (THE GREETING OF) SALAAM

In another narration He states: ‘Whoever commences Salaam is very close to Allah and His Messenger Muhammad ﷺ’ (Abu Dawood). This practice is another wonderful way to receive blessings and to foster love and friendship within our community. To increase mutual love and bring the society together Holy Prophet (sa) also used to encourage giving of gifts to one another. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: "Give gifts to one another and you will love one another.” (Bukhari). These are just a few of the simple habits of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) that we can easily incorporate into our lives for both spiritual and physical benefit. May Allah the Almighty grant us the strength to adopt these noble practices and follow in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (sa). Ameen.



A DIVINELY-INSPIRED APPEAL FROM HUZOOR

Based on a vision of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (rh), in order to safeguard ourselves from the onslaughts of Satan and to attain refuge in an invincible and tall citadel of Allah's protection, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aa) relaunched the following appeal:

PRAYER I

سُبْحَانَ اللّٰهِ وَبِحَمْدِهٖ سُبْحَانَ اللّٰهِ الْعَظِيْمِ۔

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّاٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

"Holy is Allah and worthy of all praise, Holy is Allah, the Great. O Allah bestow Your blessings on Muhammad (SA) and on the people of Muhammad (SA)."

- Every Ahmadi adult to invoke the above salutations on the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SA) at least 200 times a day.
- Every young person of 15-25 years 100 times a day.
- Every child to recite it at least 33 times a day.
- Very young children to rehearse it with their parents a few times a day.

PRAYER II

All Ahmadis to recite istighfar at least 100 times a day

اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللّٰهَ رَبِّیْ مِنْ کُلِّ ذَنْبٍ وَّاَتُوْبُ اِلَیْهِ

PRAYER III

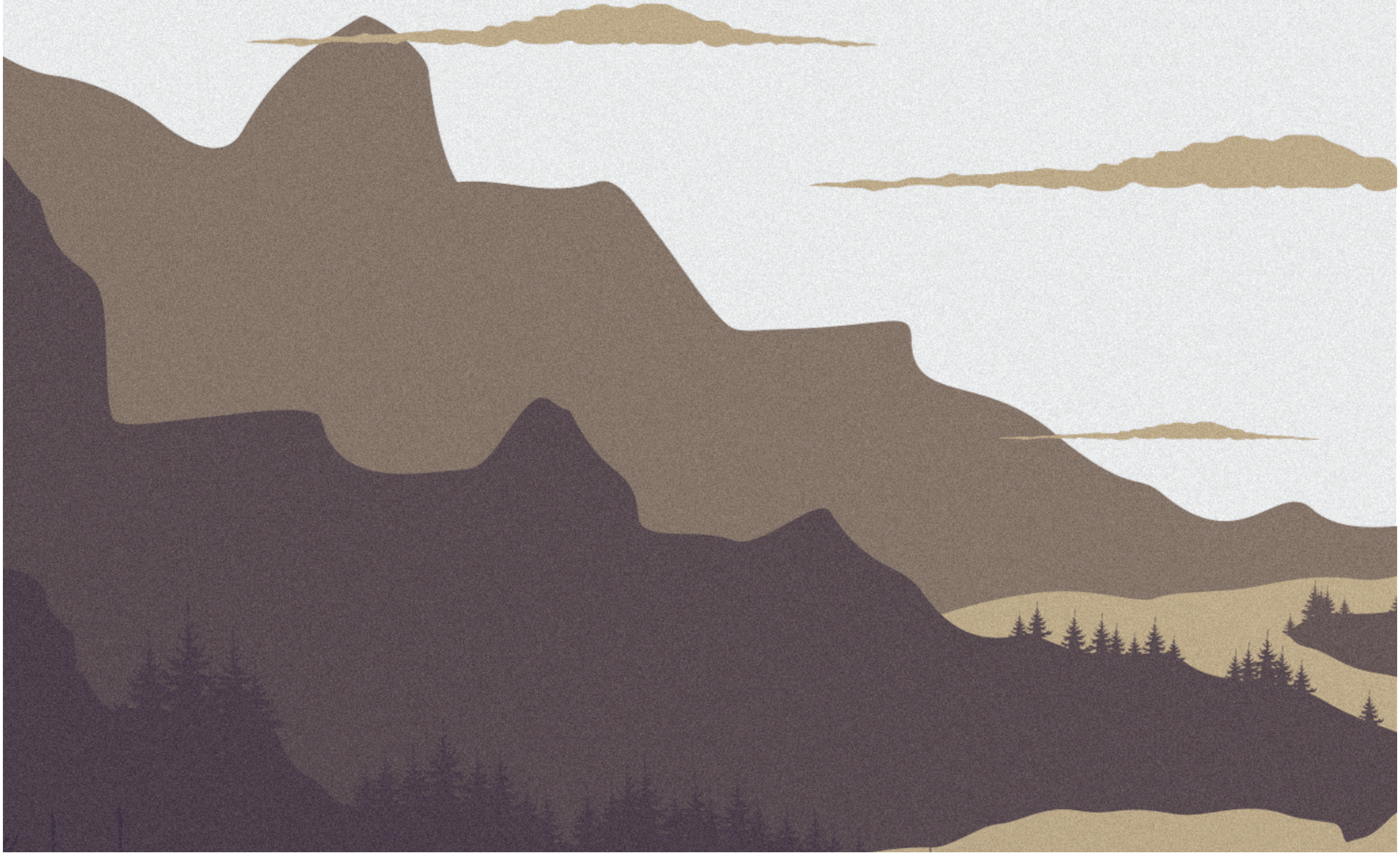
In addition to these prayers to be recited everyday, Huzoor(AA) also added that all Ahmadis recite the following prayer at least a 100 times a day:

رَبِّ کُلُّ شَیْءٍ خَادِمُکَ رَبِّ فَاحْفَظْنِیْ وَانْصُرْنِیْ وَارْحَمْنِیْ

"O my Lord everything serves You. So O my Lord, protect me and help me and have mercy on me."

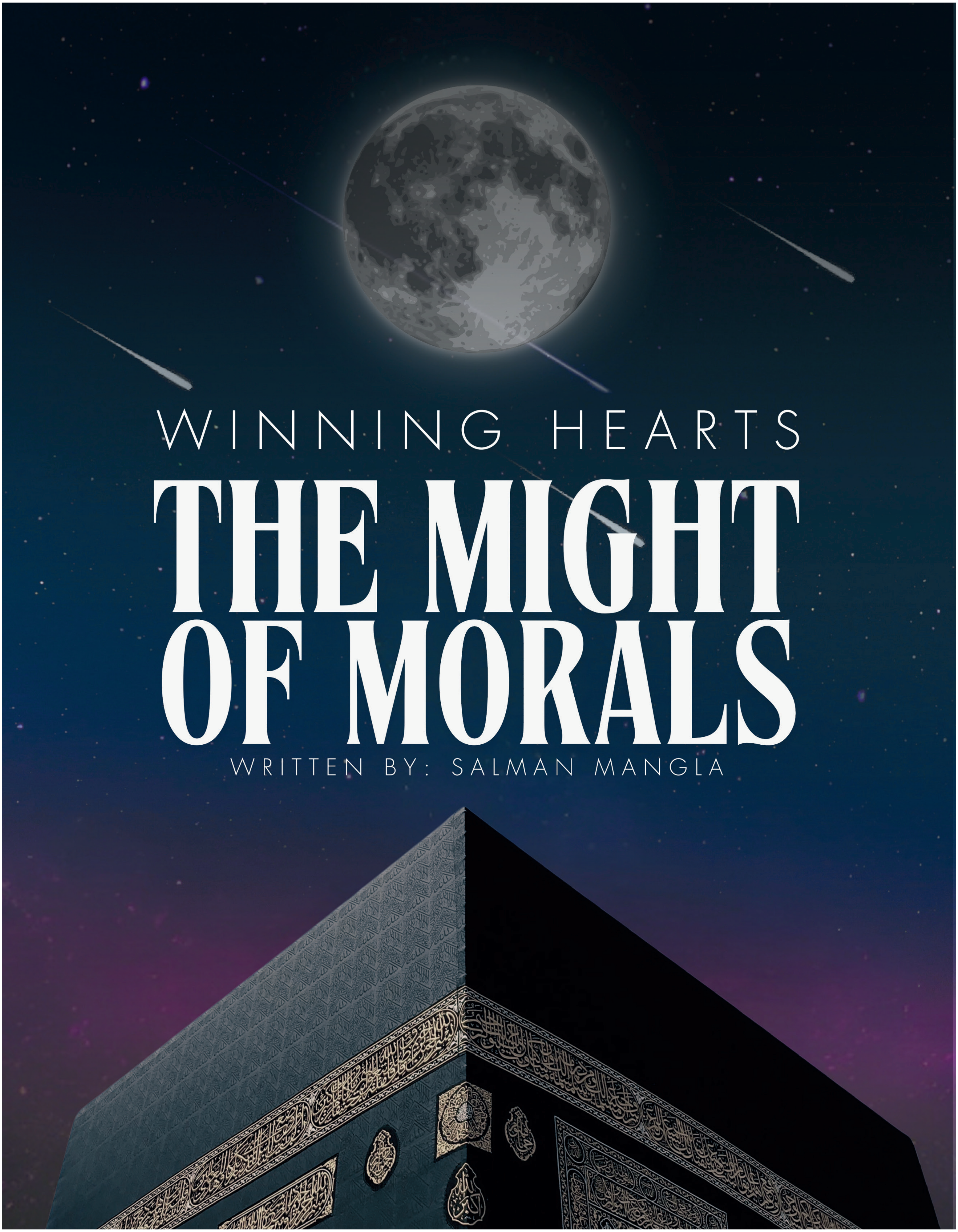
اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ
وَّعَلٰى اٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ
عَلٰى اِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلٰى اٰلِ اِبْرَاهِيْمَ
اِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَّجِيْدٌ ۝

"O Allah! Exalt Muhammad and the true followers of Muhammad as You did exalt Abraham and the true followers of Abraham; surely You are the Praised, the Magnified.



اَللّٰهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلٰى
اٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلٰى
اِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلٰى اٰلِ اِبْرَاهِيْمَ
اِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَّجِيْدٌ ۝

O Allah! Bless Muhammad and the true followers of Muhammad as You did bless Abraham and the true followers of Abraham; surely You are the Praised, the Magnified."



WINNING HEARTS

THE MIGHT OF MORALS

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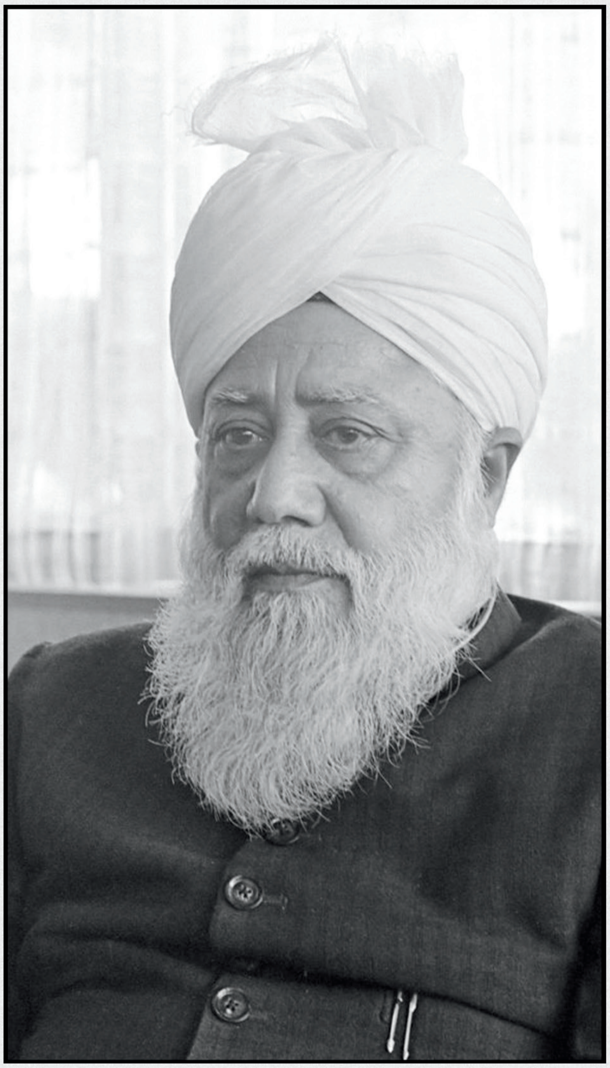
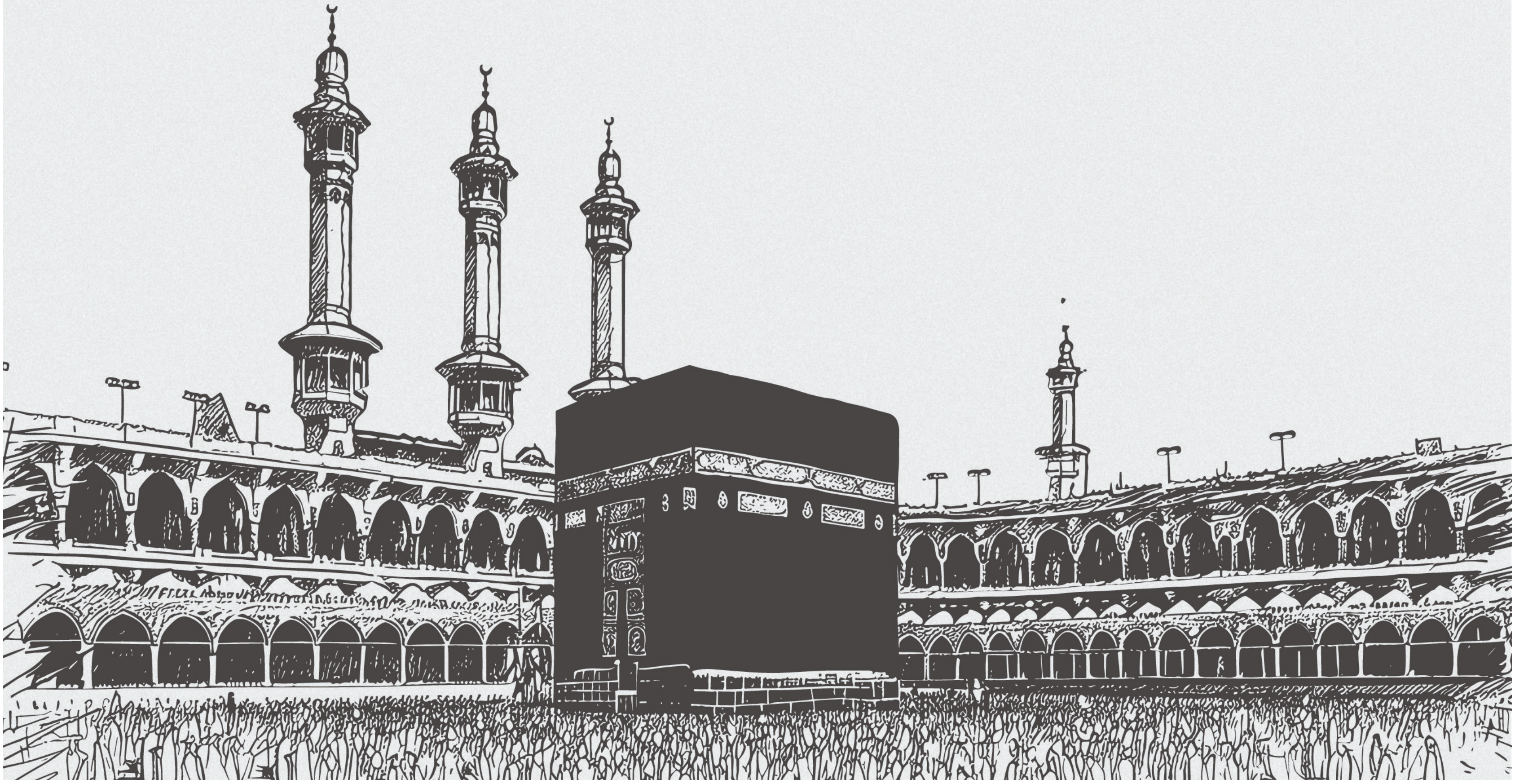
When the 3rd Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (rh) visited Europe in the 1970's, he was asked a question by an interviewer: "Which part does the Ahmadiyya Movement play in Islam? Beloved Huzoor answered, "We believe that the Mahdi has come to create the conditions of peace in this world. We believe in equality of human beings in the rule of law and we are against all types of oppression." The reporter then asked: How do you conduct your mission in Europe? To which Huzoor replied "We try to win the hearts." This beautiful and simple response by Khalifatul Masih the 3rd (rh) was the embodiment of the entire character of the Holy Prophet (Sa).





GENEROSITY - COURAGE - JUSTICE - MERCY
BENEVOLENCE - TRUTHFULNESS

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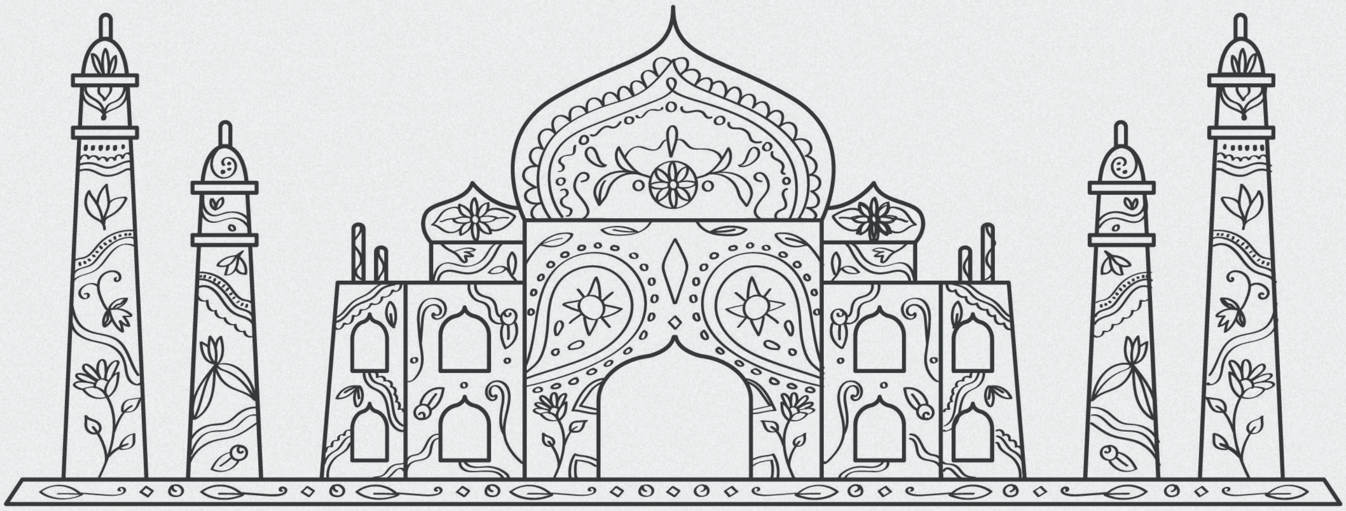
صلى الله عليه وسلم

It captured the beautiful morals and character of the Holy Prophet and how he was the champion of winning hearts. There are countless stories and examples throughout the life of the Holy Prophet which displayed his excellent character and high moral values. Mentioning the high standards of the high moral qualities of the Holy Prophet (sa), the Promised Messiah (as) states on one occasion, "Addressing the Holy Prophet (sa), Allah the Glorious says: 'Thou dost surely possess high moral excellences'. (Surah Al Qalam: V.5)

"Hence, in accordance with this elaboration it means that you embody every form of moral excellence, such as generosity, courage, justice, mercy, benevolence, truthfulness and forbearance etc.," meaning, to tolerate something with forbearance. He was known as Al-Amin (the trustworthy) in his community because of his reputation for integrity and reliability in business and personal dealings. This was a title given to him prior to his claim to Prophethood.

On one occasion the Holy Prophet (Sa) assembled the Meccans in one place. He then asked if they would believe him if he said an army is approaching from behind the mountains. Every single Meccan replied with affirmation, for they had never heard him utter a lie. The Holy Prophet (Sa) was known for his compassion and forgiveness.

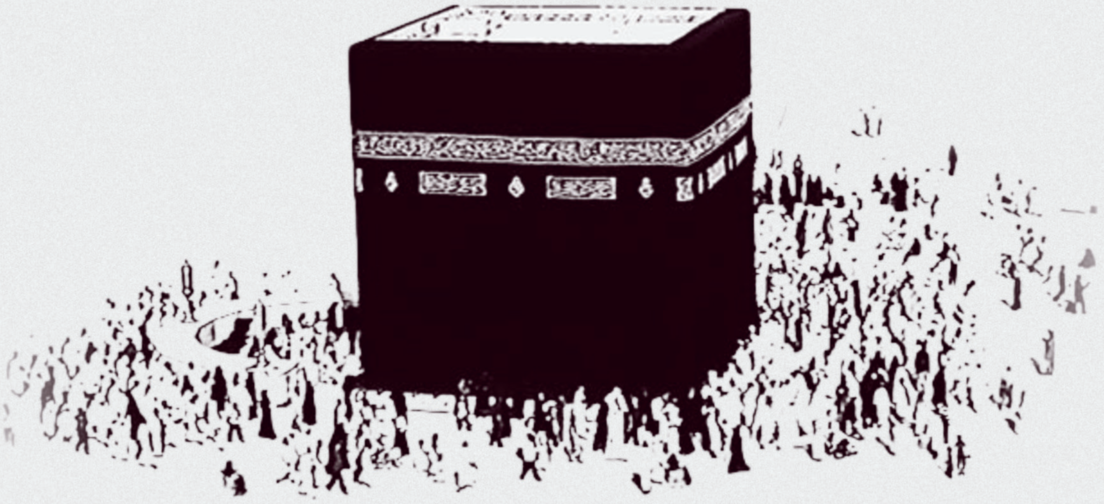


Upon reentering Mecca, at the height of one of the greatest conquests in history, when most people would be proud and unforgiving, what was the state of the Holy Prophet? His head was hung low in humility and he was busy in the remembrance of Allah. These displays of excellent Morals were enough to win the hearts of men and enable them to accept the message of Islam.

Similarly, there is a famous incident of an old woman throwing garbage on the Holy Prophet whenever he passed from her house. He would pass by the house on his way to the mosque. One day when the Prophet was passing by, they woman was not there to throw garbage on him. The Holy Prophet stopped and asked the old lady's neighbor about her well-being. The neighbour informed the Prophet that the women was sick on her bed. The Holy Prophet entered the home with permission and approached the sick Woman. Naturally she was scared and thought the Prophet had come to seek revenge while she was in this helpless state.

The Holy Prophet reassured her that he was simply coming there to check on her well being and it was the command of Allah to Muslims to visit the sick. This display of utmost kindness and love by the Holy Prophet, moved the woman so much that she immediately accepted Islam at that moment. It was this display of High Morals that won her heart.

In the History of the World, there is no equal to the Holy Prophet in any aspects. He was the embodiment of all excellent moral qualities and the champion of winning hearts.



It is related by Hazrat Sa'ad bin Hisham bin `Aamir (ra) and he said, "I came to Hazrat Ayesha (ra) and said, `Umm al-Mu'mineen! kindly tell me about the high morals of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him).' She said, `His morals were just according to the Holy Quran.' Further she said, `Did you not read in the Holy Quran, the word of Allah the most honoured and high you surely possess high moral excellences.'" (Musnad Ahmad, p. 91/6).

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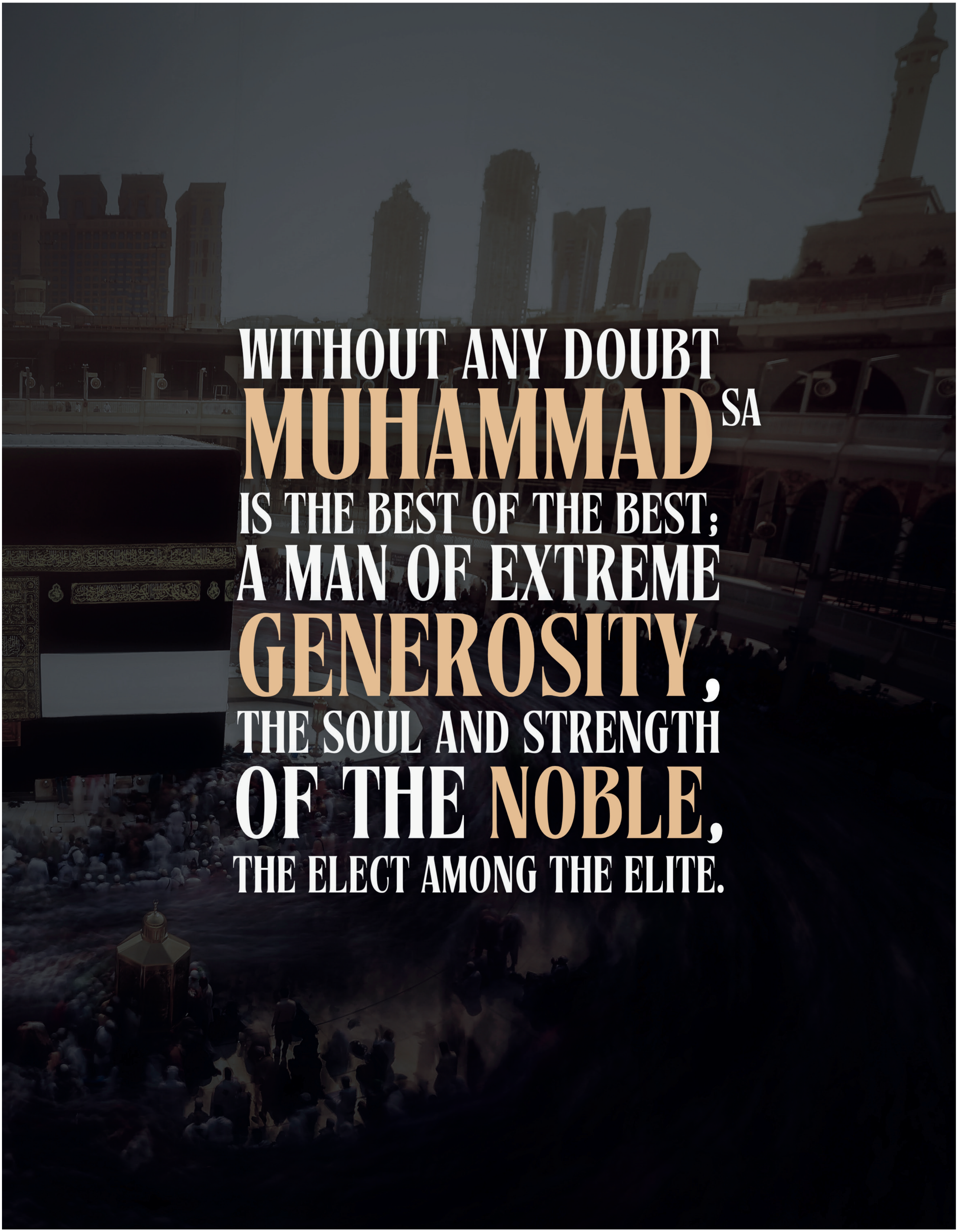

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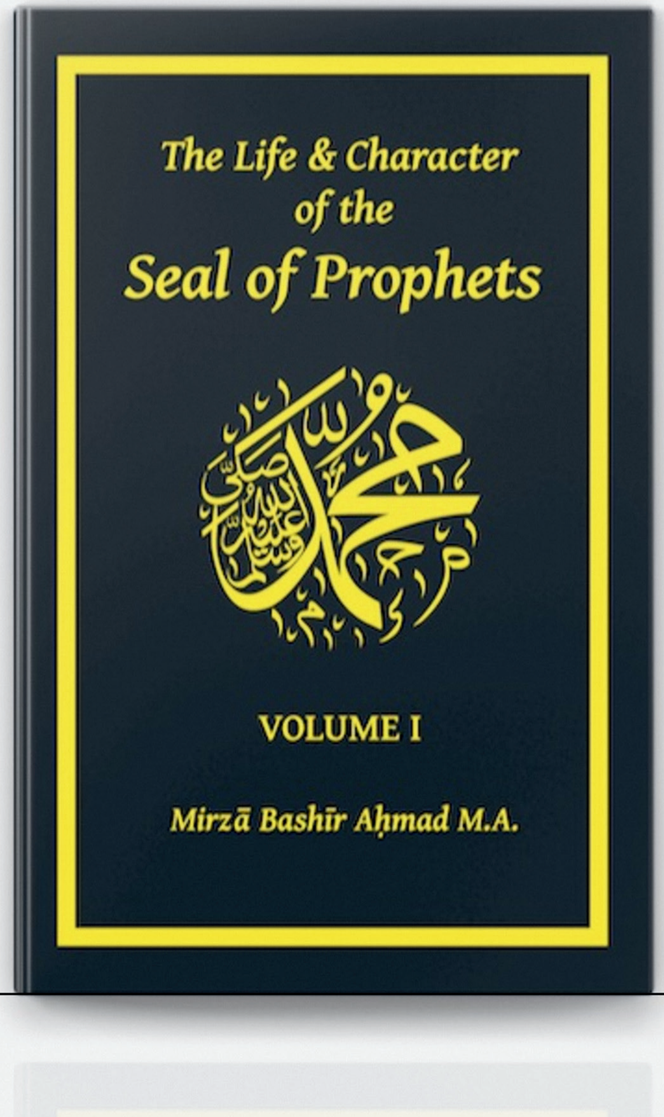
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HIS BLESSED APPEARANCE

Muḥammad (sa) had now reached adulthood and his physical development had completed. Therefore, at this point, it will be quite relevant to mention his appearance. It is recorded that Muḥammad (sa) was of moderate height and had an incredibly beautiful complexion. He was not excessively white-shaded, such as appeared displeasing to the eye, nor was he of a dark brown complexion. Instead, he was slightly fairer than dark brown. The hair on his head was not completely straight; rather, they were slightly curled. His beard was thick and beautiful. He possessed a well-balanced body. His skin was delicate and soft. His body and sweat discharged a delightful fragrance. He had a large head and was broad-chested. His hands and feet were relatively full of flesh. His palms were wide, and his face was round. He possessed a broad forehead and a beautiful nose, which appeared slightly risen. He possessed sparkling black eyes adorned with long eyelashes. He walked swiftly but in a dignified manner. His style of conversation was soft and gentle, such that if the listener desired, he could count his words. In a state of anger, his face would turn red, and in times of happiness, it would gleam brilliantly.

A famous historian from England, Sir William Muir, makes mention of the appearance of Muḥammad (sa) in the following words:

"His commanding mien inspired the stranger with an undefined and indescribable awe; but on closer intimacy, apprehension and fear gave place to intimacy and love."